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## **Secretary of State Bruce McPherson Assigns Numbers to Two Measures Certified for the June Gubernatorial Primary Election**

*Invites Californians to Submit Ballot Arguments by Tuesday, February 7, 2006*

SACRAMENTO, CA - Secretary of State Bruce McPherson today announced proposition numbers for the two measures that will appear on the June 6th Gubernatorial Primary Election ballot, and called on interested citizens to submit arguments to be included in the state ballot pamphlet. One measure qualified for the ballot through the initiative petition process. The other qualified for the ballot through the legislative process. The deadline for placing legislative and initiative measures on the ballot was on January 26th.

Elections Code section 13115 states the order in which the measures must appear on the ballot. This order is as follows: bond measures first, followed by constitutional amendments, other legislative measures, initiative measures, and referenda, with each listed in the order in which they qualify within the category.

The Secretary of State has not received ballot arguments and is therefore inviting interested Californians to submit arguments for or against any of the ballot measures. If selected for inclusion, they will be part of the materials that go on public display during the ballot pamphlet public display period, which is Tuesday, February 21st through Monday, March 13th. If multiple arguments are submitted, state law provides that for legislative measures, preference be given to arguments written by Members of the Legislature, and for initiative measures, preference be given to those written by the proponents of the initiative, followed in either case by arguments signed by bona fide associations of citizens, and then individual voters. No more than three signers shall appear with any argument or rebuttal to an argument.

Listed below are the measures (with assigned proposition numbers) that will appear on the June ballot in the order of qualification:

**81** SB 1161 (Chapter 698, 2004) Alpert. California Reading and Literacy Improvement and Public Library Construction and Renovation Bond Act of 2006. Enacts the California Reading and Literacy Improvement and Public Library Construction and Renovation Bond Act of 2006, which would authorize the issuance, pursuant to the State General Bond Law, of bonds in the amount not to exceed a total of \$600,000,000 for the purpose of financing library construction and renovation pursuant to a program administered by the State Librarian.

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**82** Public Preschool Education. Tax Increase on Incomes Over \$400,000 for Individuals; \$800,000 for Couples. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute. Establishes right to voluntary public preschool for all four-year old children, administered by state Superintendent of Public Instruction and county school superintendents. Funded by 1.7% tax on individual income above \$400,000 annually; \$800,000 for couples. Directs counties to prepare five-year assessments and annual reports regarding voluntary preschool curriculum, outreach, facilities, childcare coordination, teacher recruitment/ pay, and budgeting. Limits administrative expenses, and requires audits of county programs. Requires state Superintendent to develop preschool teaching credential with financial aid for teachers. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local governments: Increased personal income taxes on high-income earners beginning in 2007, with revenues reaching approximately \$2.4 billion annually in 2010-11. Revenues would support an entitlement to one year of preschool for four-year olds beginning in 2010-11. Revenues in the early years of the program could be used for facilities, teacher training, student financial aid, and early implementation of preschool services.

Any voter may submit an argument for or against a measure. Each argument submission must not exceed 500 words and should be typed double-space. The deadline to submit ballot arguments is Tuesday, February 7th, 2006 by 5:00 pm. The arguments may be hand delivered or faxed to the Secretary of State's Elections Division at 916-653-3214; however, if faxed, original copies should also be received within 72 hours. Rebuttals to the arguments are due by Thursday, February 16th at 5 pm. A maximum of 250 words may be used for rebuttals.

Additional information on argument requirements and specifications should be directed to the Ballot Pamphlet Coordinator at 916-657-2166.